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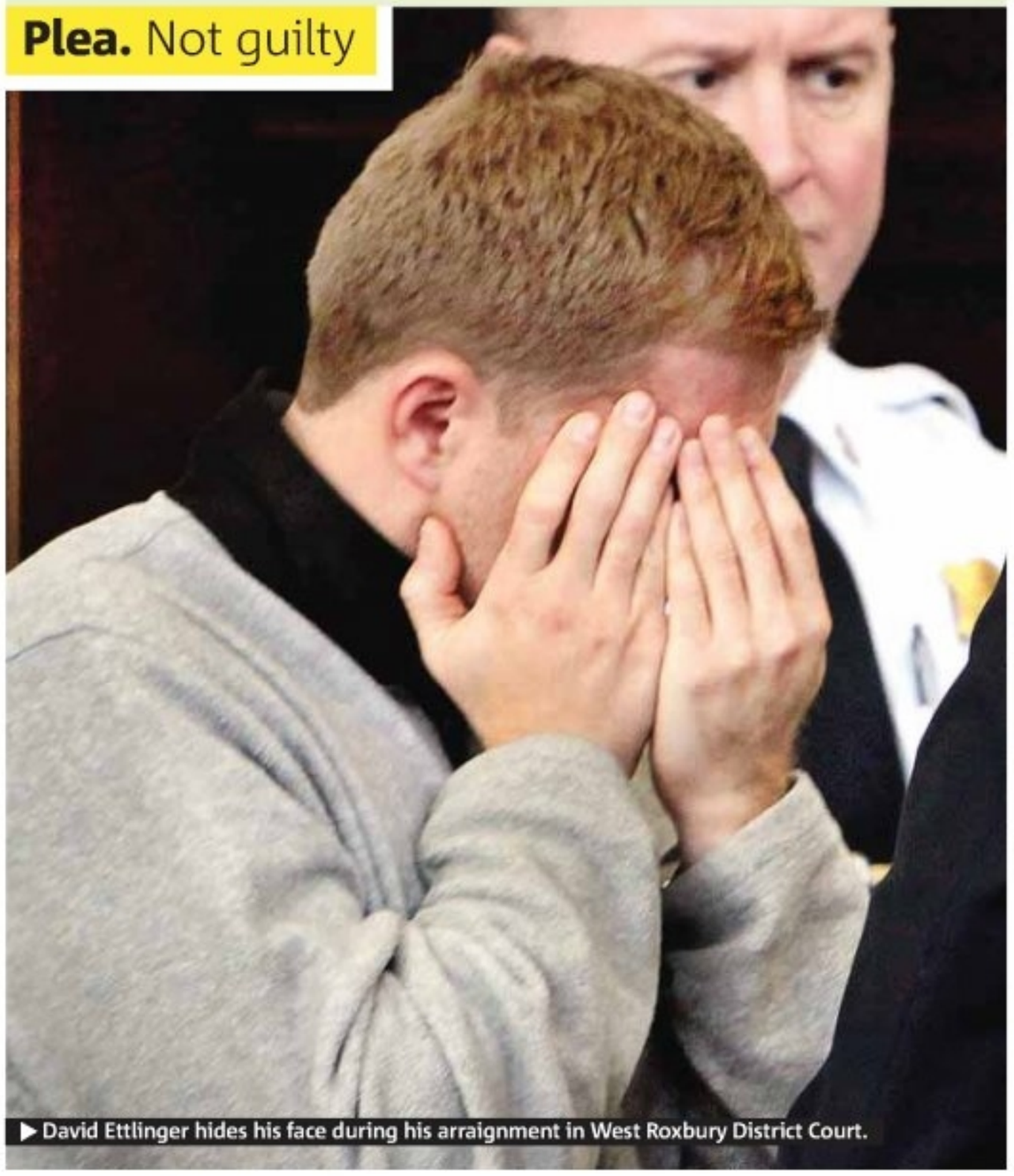

▶ David Ettlinger hides his face during his arraignment in West Roxbury District Court.

David Ettlinger, 34, a Newton elementary school teacher, was in court again yesterday to answer to more serious charges. Prosecutors accused Ettlinger of indecently assaulting a girl under 14 years old and trying to share the images. He pleaded not guilty to those charges. Police arrested him Tuesday on charges of possessing child pornography. {page 02}

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A federal complaint that charges various hedge fund mangers with insider trading said the funds made millions in illegal profits. Former Boston-based hedge fund manager Todd Newman was arrested yesterday. He allegedly conspired with other fund managers to gather and share information from Dell, according to The Boston Globe.

Today's local tweet

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@JENNALYNS, ON RIDER COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE MBTA'S SERVICE

News in brief

Mag names best Hub bars

BOSTON. Four Boston-area bars made Draft Magazine's 2012 list of best beer bars in America.

In Boston, Bukowski Tavern, Deep Ellum and Sunset Grill and Tap made the list.

Draft also recognized Brookline's Publick House. METRO

BU grads top powerful list

BOSTON. Three Boston University grads took top 10 spots for the most powerful women in the entertainment industry, according to a recent list compiled by the Hollywood Reporter.

The three alumnae were ranked in the "Women in Entertainment 2011: Power 100," list based on their staunch accomplishments.

On the list are Bonnie Hammer, chairman of NBCUniversal Cable Entertainment, CBS Entertainment president Nina Tassler and Nancy Dubuc, the current general manager and president of the History Channel and Lifetime Network. METRO

RIDE van taken for a ride

BOSTON. Transit police were searching for the person who stole a T RIDE van yesterday.

The van driver left the engine running about 12:45 p.m. while at a stop in Waltham, a T spokesman said. The van was recovered shortly after in Roxbury, unoccupied and not damaged. METRO

Newton teacher in court again

▶ Ettlinger

A Newton elementary school teacher denied yesterday that he sexually assaulted a girl under 14 years old and videotaped the attack.

David Ettlinger, 34, of Brighton, pleaded not guilty to indecent assault and battery on a child under 14 and posing a child in a state of nudity. He could face up to 30 years in jail.

A judge ordered him held on $100,000 bail and to stay away from children and wear a tracking device if he posts bail, according to the Suffolk district attorney's office.

Ettlinger has been placed on leave from his job as a second-grade teacher.

During a search of his apartment, authorities allegedly found hundreds of child pornography files on his computer and dozens of stolen girls' underwear. Among the computer files were videotape images of Ettlinger sexually assaulting a girl, prosecutors said. The girl's exact age and the location of the assault were concealed by authorities to protect the victim's privacy.

According to prosecutors, federal authorities tracked down Ettlinger after he posted images of the naked girl on a website and offered to distribute the film.

"The evidence as it stands suggests a despicable violation of every duty he had to protect the innocent and vulnerable, and we intend to prosecute that violation aggressively," said Suffolk County Distract Attorney Daniel Conley.

Ettlinger's attorney did not return a phone call to comment.

He is due back in court next month.

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Eatery owner has opposition to late night closing time

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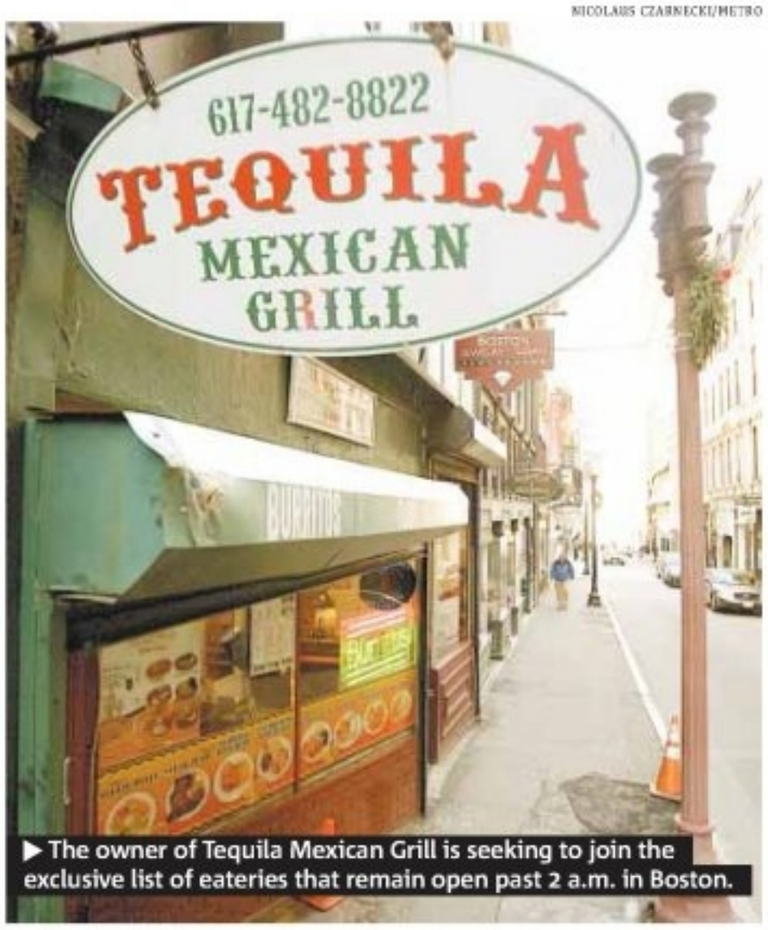

▶ The owner of Tequila Mexican Grill is seeking to join the exclusive list of eateries that remain open past 2 a.m. in Boston.

Because the majority of establishments close at or before 2 a.m., post-closing time dining in Boston usually means navigating through Chinatown, trekking to the South Street Diner or — sigh — calling up Domino's.

But the owner of a Mexican eatery near Downtown Crossing is trying to convince the city to let his shop be the open door for hungry night owls.

"It's different food," Luis Rivas, owner of Tequila Mexican Grill on Bromfield Street, said of the late night options currently available. "A lot of people would come in here. It's better for me, for more employees."

Rivas had a hearing before the Boston Licensing Board yesterday in an attempt to change his closing time from 7 p.m. to 4:30 a.m.

"This is quite a change in hours," said Nicole Murati Ferrer, the board's chair. "This is almost like a 24-hour request."

A representative from the mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services said they were opposed to the 4:30 a.m. closing time, but were trying to work out a compromise with Rivas to allow the shop to stay open until 2 a.m.

Boston Police Sgt. Tom Lema spoke in opposition to the 4:30 a.m. closing time, citing public safety concerns.

"There are people that are highly intoxicated that gather at these late-night places," Lema said. "It becomes a place of destination for college kids. We do have people that live near there."

Residents said they also opposed the closing time request and said Rivas had not met with neighbors.

The board postponed its decision and urged Rivas to meet with neighbors. He said he was open to the 2 a.m. compromise.

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Students want more options

Last year when Sam Miller, a 20-year-old Suffolk University student, lived on campus, he and his friends would search for places to satisfy their late-night cravings.

"Always late at night you're looking for something to eat," he said. "We went to 7-Eleven for food. That was the only thing ever open around here."

That's one of the reasons students yesterday said they would welcome the extended hours for eateries.

"I think it's a great idea," said Ilya Tolstov, a Suffolk student. "There's not much variety."

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Some options

- Chau Chow City, Chinatown, open until 3 a.m.
- Little Stevie's House of Pizza, Fenway, open until 3 a.m.

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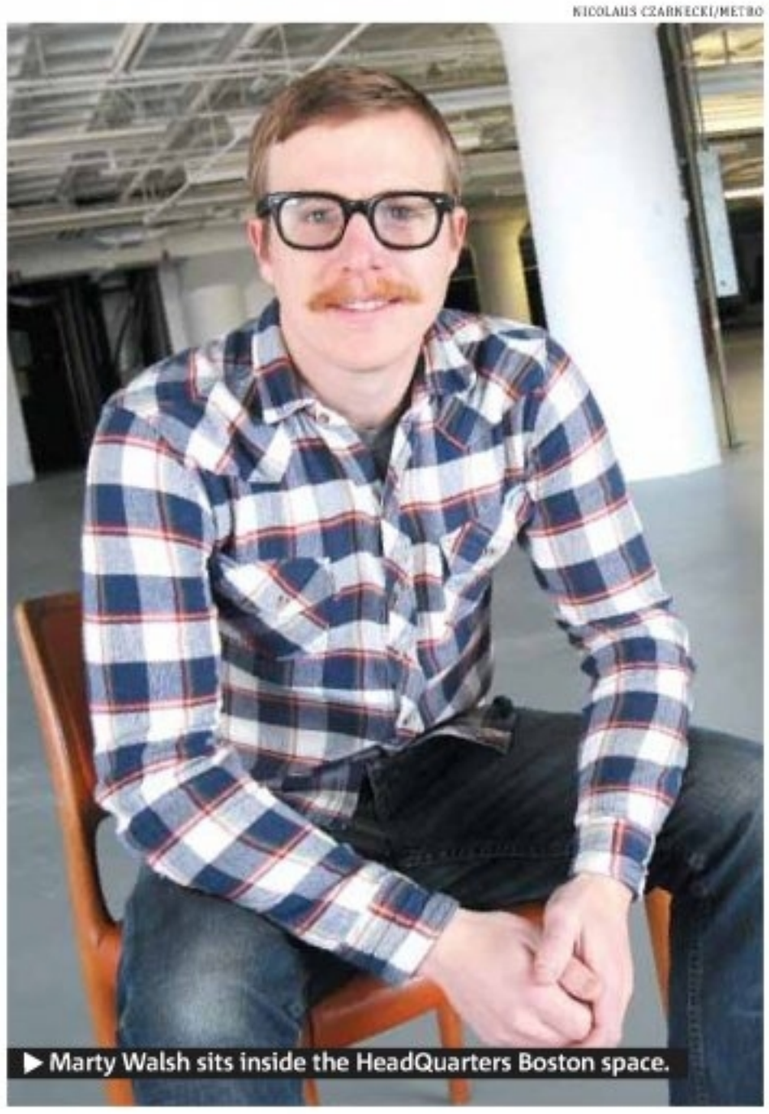

▶ Marty Walsh sits inside the HeadQuarters Boston space.

HQ Boston is bringing innovators under one roof

◗ GeekHouse Bike founder creates co-working space Downtown ◗ 15 businesses will work side-by-side

The term co-worker is taking on a whole new meaning in the Hub, and for some, the days of working closely in cubicles is crumbling.

GeekHouse Bike founder Marty Walsh is moving his Allston shop into a portion of HeadQuarters Boston, a 25,000-square-foot space in the city's Innovation District, and renting out the rest to interested entrepreneurs and local manufacturers.

"Being able to work around other businesses — they innovate faster when they are in a common space or network," said Walsh, manager of HQ Boston.

The massive operation will house 15 businesses total, said Walsh, from small handicraft-ing shops to medium scale semi-industrial facilities, allowing start-ups to feed off of each other's creativity.

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"Being able to work around other businesses — they innovate faster when they are in a common space or network." MARTY WALSH, MANAGER OF HQ BOSTON

Walsh said he struggled to find an adequate habitat in the city to expand his custom bike-building shop.

Supplying space for local businesses to co-exist, while housing GeekHouse's own operations, was the perfect solution, he said.

At HQ Boston, Walsh said he would be working alongside furniture and snowboard manufacturers, visual artists and Web designers.

"We will also have our own center gallery to do our own shows or collaborative shows," said Walsh.

Each business will have a walled-off section with a key and private door, but will open into a courtyard gallery.

There will also be a centralized community room to chat and share ideas.

A grand opening is slated for later this year.

On the Fringe

Walsh was inspired by locations like Somerville's Fringe, a 4,400-square-foot "creative business incubator" and co-working space in Union Square, home to letterpress printing, Web design and branding.

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'Publicity stunt'

Others, meanwhile, were less cowed. Rep. Lamar Smith, SOPA's author, condemned Wikipedia's efforts as a "publicity stunt," while Recording Industry Association of America spokesman Jonathan Lamy minimized the potential effects of the blackout.

"After Wikipedia blackrout [sic], somewhere, a student today is doing original research and getting his/her facts straight." Lamy wrote in a tweet, which he subsequently deleted. "Perish the thought."

Websites go black to protest anti-piracy bill

▶ Wikipedia was one of many websites that went black yesterday in protest.

◗ Who is behind the legislation? ◗ Unusual bipartisan effort meets fierce fire from regular Americans

The fight against the Stop Online Piracy Act ramped up to a climax yesterday as Internet heavyweights like Wikipedia and Reddit went dark in protest of the controversial anti-piracy bill. But while it's apparent that the tech industry is ready to amass its muscle to prevent the bill's passage, far less attention has been focused on SOPA's supporters. Who are the people who want, in the words of the bill's harshest critics, to shut down the Internet?

The major proponents of SOPA and its Senate Counterpart, the PROTECT IP Act, have been the entertainment industry, who say the bills' controversial measures — most notably giving the government the authority to shut off access to sites copyright holders claim are hosting pirated material — are essential in curbing rampant online piracy. According to a report from advocacy organization Map Light, these companies have donated nearly $2 million to SOPA's 32 congressional sponsors since the beginning of 2009.

Support for SOPA and PIPA in Congress is a bipartisan effort, blurring traditional lines of conservatism and progressivism. Liberal firebrand Al Franken is a fierce proponent of the bill, while former GOP presidential candidate Michele Bachmann has expressed concerns about the government interfering with the Internet.

However, the grassroots campaign against SOPA appears to be chilling congressional enthusiasm. At least six co-sponsors removed their names from the bills yesterday, and many more supporters have softened their tone.

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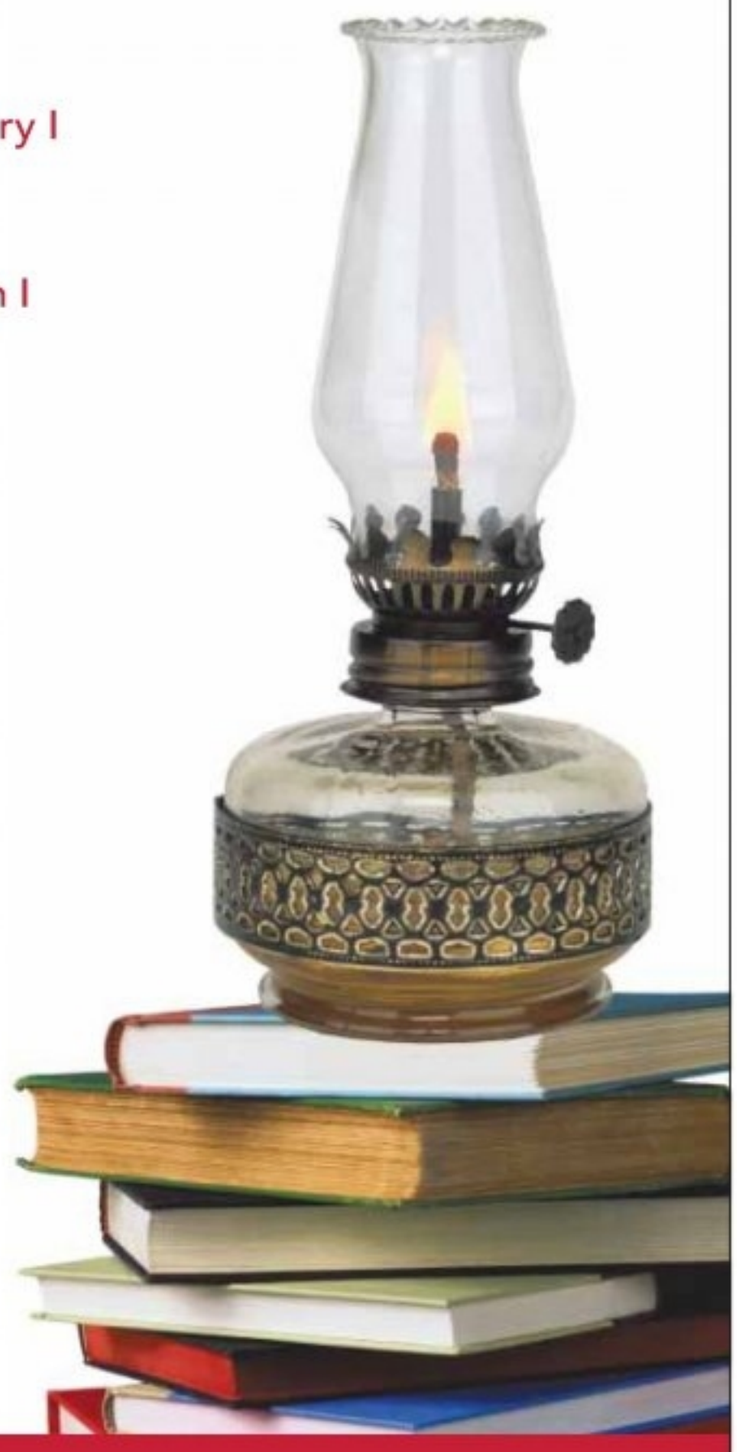

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Yesterday we warned you we were on the lookout for dirt on Republican presidential candidate front-runner Mitt Romney. Then, as if in response to our plea, the Internet heavens opened and dumped the book on Mitt — specifically, the 200-page laundry list of flip-flops, missteps and other general negatives compiled by the 2008 McCain campaign. Hallelujah, Amen.

Between scathing details of Romney's "pro-choice" beliefs, then his switch to "no pro-choice," then back to "pro-choice" again, and finally firmly "pro-life" for now, are some details that will shake the foundations of his presidential campaign, if not the nation.

Take, for instance, the revelation on page 137 that Romney's former employer, Bain Capital — his affiliation with which has already caused Romney a few headaches on the campaign trail over allegations of "vulture capitalism" — "was once dubbed the KGB of consulting." Or the mention, on page 199 under the heading "Awkward Moments," that Romney once described fake basketball team the Harlem Globetrotters as having "trouble making touchdowns."

But it doesn't get much worse than the page 175 revelation that Romney has flipped, of all things, on his choice of favorite film. According to The Book: "Romney once said 'O Brother Where Art Thou' was his favorite movie, now says it is 'Raiders of the Lost Ark.'"

We can see here that Romney is clearly in the pocket of Big Lucas. "Raiders", the first of the Indiana Jones films, is certainly memorable if not for its strong anti-Nazi and face-melting themes. But "O Brother," the Coen brothers' Homerian homage to the deep South, is a quintessentially American film, set in the good old days of transparent racism.

Did Romney just lose South Carolina?

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▶ Interestingly, both of Romney's allegedly favorite films involve a strong treasure-hunting theme.

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Obama just too smart for us

NEW YORK. Newsweek made waves this week with a cover story titled "Why are Obama's critics so dumb?" in which writer Andrew Sullivan described Obama critics on both sides of the aisle as "simply — empirically — wrong."

Well, we don't like being wrong any more than the next guy. As such, we will politely put to bed all of our apparently wrongheaded complaints about Obama, including that he has: institutionalized the secret assassinations of U.S. citizens; prosecuted Bush-era whistleblowers; unilaterally declared war; and empowered the financial industry by placing key bank execs in places of high government power.

Gee, ignorance really *is* bliss.

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Metro's **Monica Weymouth** shares her take on the world of gossip @monicaatmetro monica.weymouth@metro.us

– Dorothy Robinson will return tomorrow.

Mark Wahlberg could have helped prevent 9/11?

It looks like **Mark Wahlberg** has spent a little too much time talking tough on movie sets. In an interview with Men's Journal, the actor claims that if he had been on-board a hijacked plane on September 11, 2011, things would have ended differently.

(Before we get started, some fun facts about Mark Wahlberg: He's 5'8" and doesn't have a pilot's license.)

"If I was on that plane with my kids, it wouldn't have went down like it did," says the actor, who had purchased a ticket for one of the planes that crashed into the World Trade Center but changed his travel plans. "There would have been a lot of blood in that first-class cabin and then me saying, 'OK, we're going to land somewhere safely, don't worry.'"

Oh, Mark. In the real world, saying heroic things in a Southie Boston accent doesn't magically kill the bad guys.

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▶ Wahlberg later apologized for his comments, saying, "To suggest I would have done anything differently than the passengers on that plane was irresponsible."

Depp's relationship over

Now that he's officially played too many freaks and geeks to be attractive, **Johnny Depp** is about to be single and back on U.S. soil. His relationship with French singer **Vanessa Paradis** is "all but officially finished," sources tell People magazine. Others claim the pair have already split after spending 13 years together.

Oh, who are we kidding: We can work with Captain Jack's eyeliner if he promises to keep the Wonka wig in the drawer.

Today in Lohan legal trouble

Lindsay Lohan is looking at more legal trouble. **Thomas Green**, a former Marine, wants $300,000 for "unfair business practices," claiming that Lohan led him to believe she'd help him with an online business. He alleges she is, in fact, a high-end prostitute, reports TMZ.

Something we don't know, Tom. Something we don't know.

The feed ...

▶ **Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.**

Today, Jimmy Fallon is bad at surprises, Sarah Silverman is saddened by the state of the world, Paris Hilton is singing again and Steve Martin knows what Twitter is really for.

@jimmyfallon
Texted a friend: "What time's Dennis' surprise party?" Dennis texted back: "Guess it's just a party now."

@sarahksilverman
Jesus would be bummed about the Vatican being all filled w riches that could feed the world (but doesn't)

@ParisHilton
In the studio working on new music. Love being creative.

@SteveMartinToGo
My vow: if I can't think up anything interesting to say, I will say it on Twitter.

Fallon

Talking points

Rihanna and Chris Brown back together?

It's been nearly three years since **Chris Brown**'s infamous assault of girlfriend **Rihanna**. But after court dates and restraining orders, the two allegedly have been getting together on the sly, according to Us Weekly. Brown and Rihanna "meet up very casually," a source says. "She comes to see him anytime she's in L.A. They can't get enough of each other. I don't see it ending well." So what's the draw of a loose-cannon ex-boyfriend? "Rihanna loves to live dangerously, and talking to and hooking up with Chris is all part of that," says another source.

Beyonce gushes about Blue Ivy

Beyonce Knowles is at a loss for words when it comes to new daughter **Blue Ivy Carter**. "Nothing can describe the feeling," she says in her first post-birth interview, with Star magazine. "You have the instant connection once you know your child is growing inside you. But when you hold it for the first time, the words can't be found." As for husband **Jay-Z**, Beyonce confirms he was on hand for the delivery. "He would not have missed it for anything," Beyonce says. "He is a very protective and loyal guy by nature." Unfortunately, not everybody's feeling the love: Beyonce's rep says the interview is "completely made up."

Williams

Michelle Williams almost quit

Michelle Williams admits that going back to work after the death of ex-boyfriend **Heath Ledger** was nearly the end of her career. "It was horrible. I don't remember most of it," the "My Week with Marilyn" star tells GQ magazine. After making her first two films after the tragedy — "Mammoth" and "Shutter Island" — Williams considered retiring from acting. "That seemed like a really smart idea," the recent Golden Globe winner says.

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Checking in with stars around the world

1. A blond **Rachel McAdams** was in London yesterday.

2. There were no age limits in place at Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Berlin yesterday. And no spell-checkers.

3. PJ Harvey played a spooky set in Sydney yesterday.

4. Channing Tatum and his impossibly square jaw flashed a peace sign in London yesterday.

5. Poor Spain! Not only has "Jack and Jill" hit its unsuspecting shores, but Adam Sandler didn't even stop by. Yesterday, actor **Santiago Segura** was on hand to promote the film instead.

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TEN REASONS TO HIT THE MOVIES

Must-see

▶ We never pass up an opportunity to put Michael Fassbender in the paper. He co-stars with mixed-martial arts master Gina Carano in "Haywire."

1 'Haywire'
Though he's known for occasionally producing headier fare, Steven Soderbergh knocks out one heck of an action film when he wants to. This time, he places mixed martial arts fighter Gina Carano in the center of an international assassination plot in which she, the contract killer, becomes the scapegoat for the crime.

2 'Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close'
This 9/11 weeper won't leave many a eye dry, especially with Tom Hanks and Sandra Bullock playing the parents of a precocious pre-teen, searching through the whole of New York City for the solution to a riddle.

3 'Red Tails'
The Tuskegee airmen — the first African American troop of fighter pilots in World War II, haven't had their due feature film treatment until now, with George Lucas at the helm and Cuba Gooding Jr., Terrence Howard and Ne-Yo starring.

4 'Underworld: Awakening'
Kate Beckinsale reprises her role as lethal vampire queen Selene, hell-bent on fighting off the mortals that wage war on the Vampire and Lycan clans.

5 'Contraband'
A reformed bad boy (Mark Wahlberg) gets pulled back into the world of international cargo ship smuggling after his brother-in-law gets caught up with a sinister drug dealer (Giovanni Ribisi).

6 'The Iron Lady'
Meryl Streep is flawless at everything she does and her turn as one of Britain's most controversial prime ministers, Margaret Thatcher, is predictably admirable. The Golden Globe crew thought so too! Told in flashbacks over the course of three days in Thatcher's latter years, the film touches on the highs and lows of her reign in the 1980s.

7 'Beauty and the Beast' 3-D
After the success of converting "The Lion King" to 3-D, another animated classic from Disney is getting refreshed.

8 'Joyful Noise'
Two choir members (Dolly Parton and Queen Latifah) have differing opinions on how they can get their group to a national competition.

9 'War Horse'
Spielberg takes on the book and play by the same name, in which a very young WWI soldier gets separated from his closest friend, his horse Joey.

10 'The Adventures of Tintin'
The much-beloved Belgian comic book character gets the 3-D animation treatment by two of the most celebrated director-slash-producers in Hollywood, Steven Spielberg and Peter Jackson. HEIDI PATALANO

TV watch list

'Unsupervised'

COMEDY. The gang from "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia" brings its absurd humor to high school in this animated comedy about two good-hearted but inept teen boys (voiced by Justin Long and "Sunny" star David Hornsby) with absent parents. **Series premiere, 10:30 p.m., FX**

▶ Gary (voiced by Justin Long) and Joel (voiced by David Hornsby) are "Unsupervised."

'Project Runway All Stars'

REALITY. The designers meet a guest judge who may be one of their most difficult: Miss Piggy. Forget the diva attitude — what doesn't clash with pink felt? **9 p.m., Lifetime**

'The Big Bang Theory'

COMEDY. Need proof that geeks are cool after all? This nerd-power sitcom hits 100 episodes, with rekindled romance in the air when Leonard invites Penny out to dinner. **8 p.m., CBS**

'Archer'

COMEDY. The never-ending family feud that is life in the Archer household heats up when Burt Reynolds — voicing the animated version of himself — gets caught in the middle of a seriously twisted love triangle. **Season premiere, 10 p.m., FX**

'30 Rock'

COMEDY. How can Jack possibly disapprove of Liz's new love interest? He's played by James Marsden! **8 p.m., NBC**
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How do you keep your romance out of a rut?

Ditch the sweatpants and take-out for the sake of keeping your relationship spicy Embrace change and be sure to schedule a date night once a week

Many things can be said about Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, but one thing is for sure: They are not in a rut. How do they keep their romance exciting when it is easy, in a committed relationship, to settle into the mundane? To tell the truth, it isn't so hard — but it does require a little effort.

The reason so many couples do start to feel stuck in a boring routine is because there is a strong force that pulls them toward their comfort zone. This could mean staying in on a weekend night, wearing your sweatpants around the house, eating at the same restaurant repeatedly or going to a different restaurant but still ordering the same old dish. Keep in mind that the ingredient that keeps a relationship feeling fresh is change itself, because that is what brings in the new. But most people resist change since it is daunting and can make them feel anxious.

You have to find the balance between the ease of the familiar and the adventure of the unknown. You want to be able to be yourself, but you want to keep your relationship vital. In order to do that, challenge yourself to try new activities and go to new places. It's fine to have a movie night at home in your pajamas as long as you even it out with a date night that you can both look forward to. Plan at least one occasion in the week where you take the time to look and dress special so that you feel great. That will add to your being excited and looking forward to your time together. In addition to the experiences, you'll have the fun of sharing and rehashing the memories they create.

An open package of bread left unattended can quickly go stale. Make sure to keep your love life frisky by giving it the attention it deserves. Brad and Angelina do it — you can, too.

— Relationship expert **Dr. Jane Greer** *is creator of* ***"Shrink Wrap"*** *– national commentary on what we can learn from celebrity relationships – and host of* ***"Let's Talk Sex"*** *at* **Healthylife.net.** *Her book,* ***"What About Me? Stop Selfishness From Ruining Your Relationship,"*** *is available nationwide.*

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▶ Don't these two look happy?

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- ***Joseph - Love you with all my heart bianca always and 4ever 9-16-07***
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- ***My ChocolatePeanutButterCup, life has been so much sweeter since we've been together - xoxo SJM***
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Super PACs used by Democrats as well!

RE: "WHEN SUPER PACS ATTACK": This article makes it seem that the Republicans invented a new form of political spending. There is no mention of the $9 million spent by the Service Employees International Union in 2008 in support of Obama's election. And also $1 million spent by the Goldman Sachs PAC? (That paid off well.) And then there was Moveon.org, NARAL, the United Food & Commercial Workers International. In total, the 2008 Obama PACs spent $750 million. This is all out of control.

DOUGLAS HAAS, VIA E-MAIL

Gingrich wants to go back in time

Newt Gingrich says: "You could ... hire 30-some kids to work in the school for the price of one janitor, and those 30 kids would be a lot less likely to drop out." Although clearly the smartest of the GOP candidates, Gingrich lacks familiarity with child-labor laws, the human compassion that is their basis and the street smarts to know that many urban-poor kids drop out to deal drugs and make far more money. He obviously wants us to return to the Triangle Shirt Factory: slave labor, no minimum wage, working 14 hours, 7 days a week, 365 days a year; that is, no government regulation over the lords-and-commoners "market." This sentiment typifies Republicans and exemplifies why no Republican should ever hold public office at any level of any government.

J. ANDREW SMITH, VIA E-MAIL

"I'll take the one who has kept his campaign promises."

RE: "WE HAVE ONE PARTY: IT'S CALLED BIG MONEY": Exactly how does reading from a teleprompter invalidate either President Obama or Mr. Romney as candidates? Does Ms. Donnoe expect them to memorize long, detailed speeches? As for sincerity, I'll take the one who has kept his campaign promises (the incumbent) over the serial liar and career failure (the GOP challenger) every time.

JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA E-MAIL

When are we going to get really angry?

When will we get really angry about our government killing innocent people for oil and crushing rogue banks that don't answer to the New World Order's IMF and World Bank? I'm ashamed to be an American, because it has taken so long for us to rise up in anger about these crimes against all humanity.

CHARLES MICHAEL COUCH, VIA E-MAIL

Federal government should run economy

RE: "LET THE STATES TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES": The Constitution gave the federal government the job of regulating commerce. "Commerce" was their word for the economy; in the 1700s they did not use the word "economics" the way we do. The industrial revolution caused huge growth in our economy. We became a modern industrial state in a global economy with more to regulate. 50 state-based regulations on everything would cause chaos for businesses. (Corporations already play one state off against another.) No other nation would accept the limited interpretation of self-rule suggested in Tom Pugnetti's letter.

HARRY THORN, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** It doesn't look like old accounts will be squared up. Unfortunately, others do not show you the same consideration that you've shown them.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** There's a possibility that you could talk to the wrong person and reveal something meant to be confidential. Something that should be kept secret could come out.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Honestly examine your motives about your poor behavior toward a friend. If you're treating him or her badly because of envy, you need to clean up your act fast.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** A failure to take a firm stance on an important issue could prove to be unforgivable to those who need your support. Trying to stay out of it makes you look like a traitor.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** If helpmates do not live up to your expectations, the fault might not be entirely theirs. It could be due in most part to the faulty instructions you gave them.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Unless you've learned from past experiences to keep your guard up, you're destined to suffer the same unpleasant results again from someone with a smooth tongue and low motives.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Because neither you nor your mate are likely to be at your best when it comes to making a major decision, it would be smart to wait until at least one of you has your head on straight.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Unless you plan the logistics of your day, you could end up spending a lot of time being very busy but accomplishing nothing. Avoid the wasted effort.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** This is one of those rare days when you could be too much of a risk-taker for your own good. If you go in where the odds are stacked against you, don't expect to be bailed out.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Your chart indicates that this could be one of those days when you simply can't believe in yourself and, as a result, have a tendency to throw in the towel just when victory is in sight.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Unless you find a balance in situations where you should be bold, you'll be unduly cautious. Conversely, when you should be wary, you'll end up being far too reckless.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** If buying some special merchandise, don't permit your desires to exceed your means and cause you to spend beyond your price. You might end up much wiser, but sadder as well.

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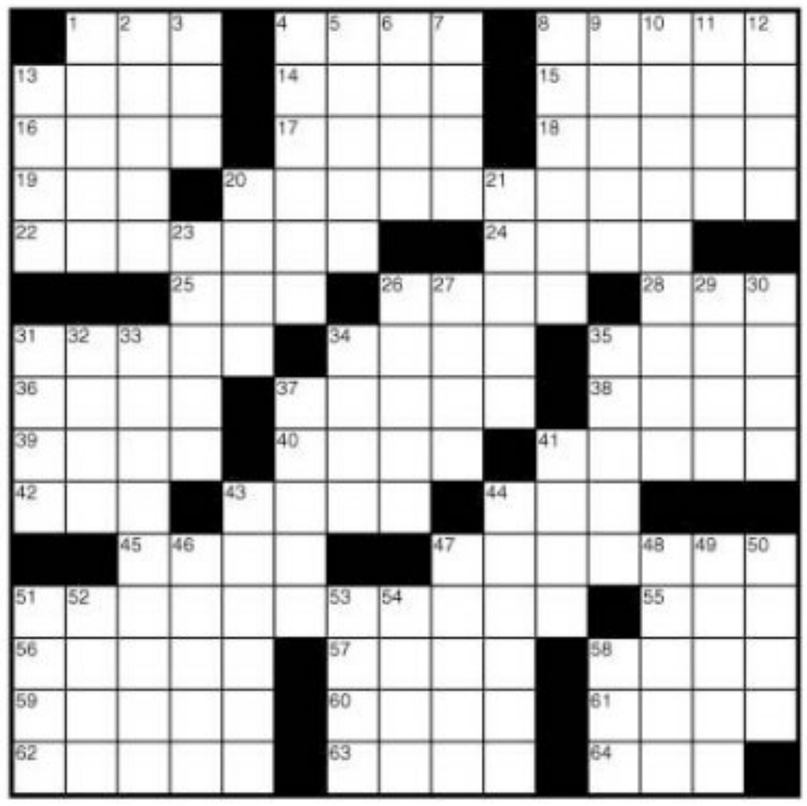

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Red Lantern is about as authentically Chinese as the Karate Kid. But its fun Oriental theme makes the capacious restaurant a perfect place to celebrate Chinese New Year, especially with special dishes expanding the pan-Asian menu, which adds a bit of American culinary know-how to ease the exotica for the Western palette. Say Happy New Year one more time with a Dragon Roll wrapped in glazed blue fin tuna or a turnip cake flecked with pork. Pork is a big New Year's dish because it invites strength and wealth. Another holiday tradition, the red envelope containing money or a prize, might brighten someone's financial landscape. A bit. No doubt, Red Lantern's huge cube scorpion bowls will be plentiful.

Stripped to brick and iron girder and festooned with vivacious red lanterns — and young buddhaesque statues smiling with acceptance — Red Lantern, which opened last summer, looks festive year-round. With an easygoing atmosphere, it has built a reputation for drinks from after work to late night (the kitchen is open until 1 a.m.) and nibbles such as superbly salted edamame with white misu aioli and spicy rock shrimp in a tempura batter lightened with water chestnut flour. The menu ranges from filling bowls of steaming noodles to tender, miso-glazed sea bass to sockeye salmon nigiri sushi, which is so delicately sweet that it's a crime to dab it into soy sauce — so don't!

Nosh On

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Big Night!

Red Lantern is part of Big Night Entertainment Group, whose repertoire includes The Estate nightclub and Shrine at Foxwoods MGM. A second Asian-themed Boston eatery is in the works, says BNEG's executive chef Kevin Long, whose knack for spice, particularly heat, gives Lantern's dishes a keen peppery backwash that does not overpower. Sophistication aside, Long sticks with fresh, fine ingredients as a basic.

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DANCE

Monica Bill Barnes
Friday and Saturday
Institute of Contemporary Art
100 Northern Ave., Boston
$40, 617-876-4275
www.worldmusic.org
Did you also do a double-take when you saw the name Monica with the name Bill? Rest assured this has nothing to do with Clinton's second-term scandal. This is a performance of this choreographer's "Everything Is Getting Better All the Time," a piece for four dancers which borrows from, in their words, "the glamour of rock concerts, the goodwill of a Little League game and the enthusiasm of a high school marching band." What could be more American? Aside from apple pie, of course?

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▶ An actress in "Ten Thousand Waves" stares out of her hotel room.

Art

Isaac Julien: 'Ten Thousand Waves'

Through March
Institute of Contemporary Art
100 Northern Ave., Boston
Free-$15, 617-478-3100
www.icaboston.org
This video art installation, now a little more than halfway through its run at the ICA, uses nine screens to tell three thematically related stories from different eras in Chinese history: the Morecambe Bay tragedy of 2004, the ancient legend of the sea goddess Mazu and scenes inspired by the classic 1934 silent film "The Goddess."

READINGS

Literary Firsts
Monday, 7 p.m.
Middlesex Lounge
315 Mass. Ave., Boston
Free, 617-868-6739
lf.aforementioned productions.com
Literary Firsts is an ongoing series of live readings of new works by cutting-edge authors. It prides itself on being the sexiest reading in all of Cambridge. This edition, hosted by Carissa Halston, brings a confessional piece by Liam Day, poetry from Michael Hoerman, fiction by Matthew Salesses and an essay by Terri Trespicio.

THEATER

Shen Yun Performing Arts
Friday through Sunday
Boston Opera House
539 Washington St., Boston
$50-$150, 800-954-4606
www.shenyunperformingarts.org
Shen Yun have returned for their annual performance in the Bean, and we think their beautiful music, costumes, stories and choreography may be just the thing for the winter blues, and a wonderful history/social studies lesson to boot, distilling 3,000 years of Chinese performance and culture down to a couple of hours.

Bread and Puppet Theatre
Monday through Jan. 29
Cyclorama, Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St., Boston
$6-$12, 866-811-4111
www.breadandpuppet.org
Once a year, this collective — a true-believing holdout from the leftist counterculture of the '60s — leave their compound in Vermont for a one-week residency mixing music, puppetry, storytelling, visual art, dance and drama into a unique brand of polemical DIY theater.

COMEDY

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Wednesday through Jan. 29
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www.magnerscomedyusa.com
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MUSIC

Boston Harp Gala
Saturday, 8 p.m.
Seully Hall, Boston Conservatory
8 The Fenway, fourth fl., Boston
Free, 617-912-9240
www.bostonconservatory.edu
Ah, the harp — is there a lighter, prettier, more angelic instrument? Sure, it's funny; but can you really imagine a bunch of lithe, gentle angels playing tap-happy guitar solos to welcome new arrivals into heaven? Something to consider as you enjoy this free concert featuring local harp students. ● MATTHEW DINARO

Movies

'Singin' In The Rain'

Friday and Saturday
Paramount Center
559 Washington St., Boston
$5-$10, 617-824-8400
www.artsemerson.org
This classic Hollywood musical stars Gene Kelly as a silent film actor in the era of transition to "talkies." It came out in 1952, but its chipper, optimistic old Hollywood mood makes it feel somehow older. Trivia: Kelly had a fever of 103 during the filming of the title sequence.

▶ Looking for something old-timey? "Singin' In The Rain" is at the Paramount.

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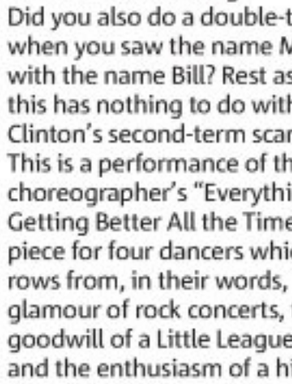

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Die Antwoord ready their sophomore album, with a style that head rapper Ninja calls 'next level' 'We have become good or something,' he says, more humbly

Releasing 'Ten$ion'

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"I need your protection, need your protection": Ninja, left, and Yo-Landi sit amongst their soft and snuggly friends.

Sucked up in a whirlwind of instant success, the members of Die Antwoord admit that they didn't know what they were doing last year.

"Before it was like 'what the f—?' and now it's like we kind of know what's happening a little bit more," says frontman Ninja, who sounds almost humble for a guy who on their breakout single mused, "this is like the coolest song I've ever heard in my whole life."

The South African rap trio has learned a lot since they garnered international recognition in 2010, after going viral with the release of the YouTube video "Enter the Ninja," accompanied by a debut album called "O."

Ninja speaks with a tinged Cape Town accent. "We are much better," he says of the group's upcoming "Ten$ion" album. "We have become good or something."

Still teeming with tensity after touring for "O," Die Antwoord returned to South Africa, locked themselves in a recording studio and went right back to work.

"We wanted to maintain the same manic tension we had before anything happened," says Ninja. "[But] we have pumped up the jams. It's a total mindf—."

"Ten$ion" is a mix of fresh tracks based on their success and a few written prior to their fame. DJ Hi-Tek, the group's producer, delivers beats on the album that switch from rave dance tunes to old-school, boom-bap-style hip-hop, almost as fast as the raps of Ninja and his counterpart, Yo-Landi Vi$$er.

Ninja, who speaks in the same quick-tongue style as he raps, is not all humility though. He calls everything they do "next level."

"It's impossible to think of a new style, it's something that just occurs, and we are lucky to be the ones presenting it," he says. "Basically, we have put South Africa and its underbelly in a box."

Much like the imagery they use in their music videos and on stage, Yo-Landi says there is no recipe for the group's music formula — it just happens.

"We are very spontaneous," she says.

Die Antwoord
Feb. 10
The Paradise
967 Comm. Ave., Boston
$20-$25, 800-745-3000
www.livenation.com

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Defining zef

In an interview with Vice Magazine last year, Die Antwoord described their styles as "zef," meaning the "ultimate style."

That means repping box-top crew cuts, underwear on stage and homemade tattoos, including one that says, "If you don't like funerals, don't kick sand in a Ninja's face."

"If you love it, we love you too, but if you hate it, it's just because you're not on our level," he says of the zef style.

Also on stage

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T.T. the Bear's Place
16 Brookline St., Cambridge
$12-$14, 21+, 617-492-2327
www.ttthebears.com
This British folk-rock singer has a classic approach. He's accessible without losing individuality, and he writes songs that could fit well in any era. His parents were popular folk-rock singers themselves, which explains the natural quality of his performance: It's just in his blood. Local folk-popper, Richard Thompson aficionado, Elliott Smith associate and general arbiter of good taste, Mary Lou Lord, opens. METRO/MD

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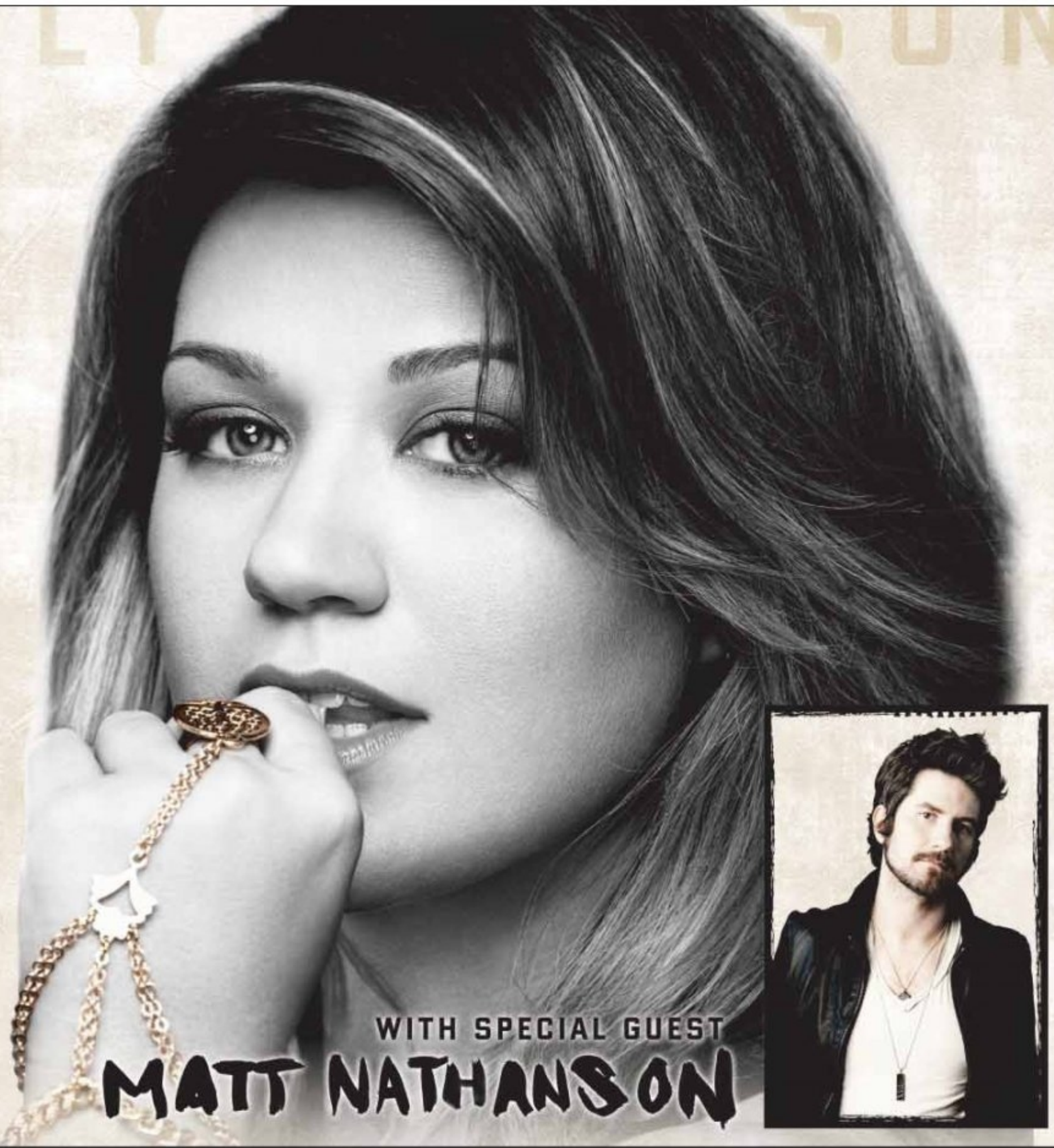

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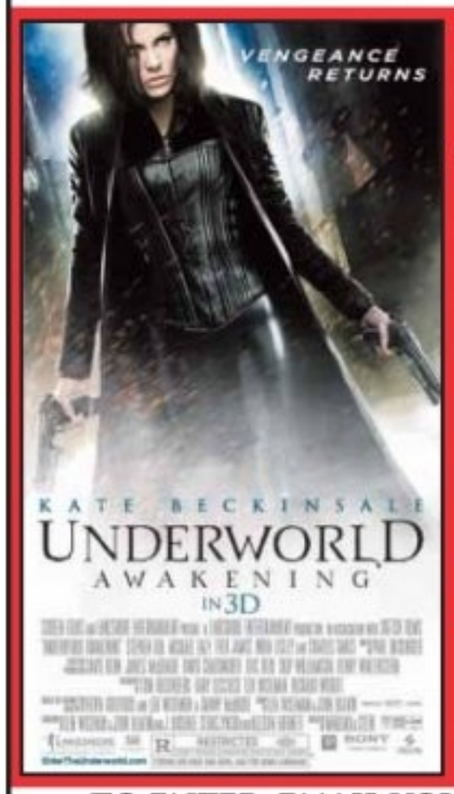

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Metro breaks down the AFC and NFC title games. We give you our predictions, storylines, players to watch and breakdown all of the matchups.

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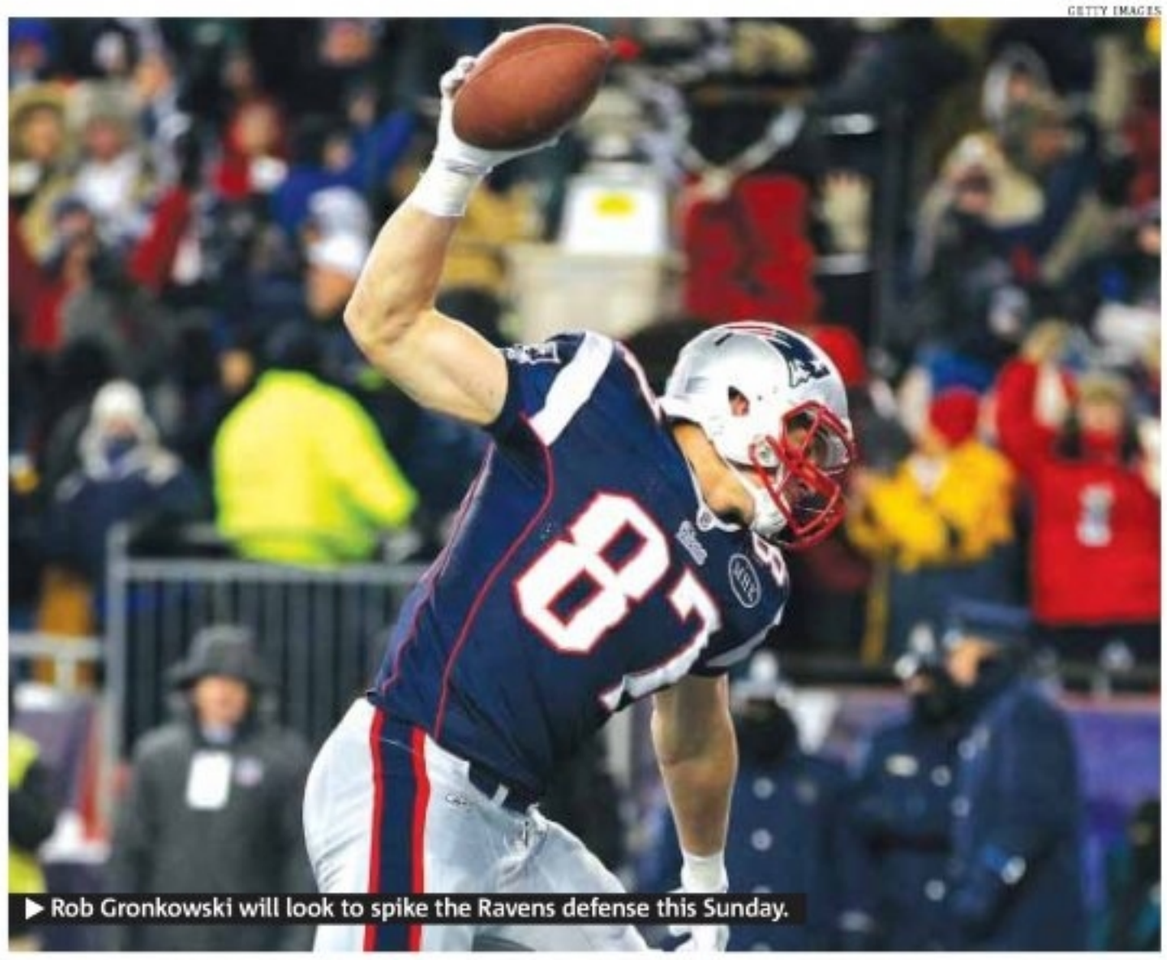

▶ Rob Gronkowski will look to spike the Ravens defense this Sunday.

Big boy battle with Pats TEs vs Ravens

When you think Baltimore Ravens, two players typically jump to mind: Ed Reed and Ray Lewis.

You can bet they're on the minds of Patriots coaches and every player on offense. The Ravens' tandem on defense has wreaked havoc on the NFL for years, and has done more than enough to earn the respect of Bill Belichick.

"[Reed] probably covers more field back there as a single safety than most teams can cover with two," Belichick said. "He's got great instincts, he's a tremendous player. Ray Lewis, everything he brings to the game, his playmaking ability, his leadership, his experience, his ability to get people around him to play better, both by his communication and anticipation and leadership and football savvy on the field.

"Those two guys, it would be really hard, I think, to put anybody even in their class, let alone above them. They're tremendous players with tremendous careers. Can't say I've ever coached against anybody better than Ed Reed in the secondary."

When it's all said and done, coaches could be saying similar things regarding the Patriots tight end tandem of Aaron Hernandez and Rob Gronkowski.

"I think what makes them great is not only the playmakers, but all 11 guys play together."
TOM BRADY ON RAVENS DEFENSE

"The Boston TE Party" — a nickname Gronkowski likes for the two second-year tight ends — has had a huge season for the Pats, combining for 169 receptions, 2,237 reception yards, and 24 touchdowns in the regular season.

In one game against the Ravens last season, Hernandez and Gronkowski were kept quiet. Hernandez made four catches for 61 yards while Gronk had just one catch.

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Robert Kraft has chosen the Pats 1996 AFC championship team as the honorary captain for Sunday's game against Baltimore. Ty Law and Troy Brown have already been announced.

Lewis made nine tackles in that game — one on Hernandez. Reed missed the game due to injury.

So which tandem will prevail? The proven, savvy, hard-hitting defensive duo that Belichick calls perhaps the best to ever play, or the young, powerful, multifaceted tight end duo that seem to be revolutionizing the position?

Obviously, it's not that simple. The Ravens defense goes much deeper than those two — with Tom Brady's favorite, linebacker Terrell Suggs, coming off a monster season with a career-high 14.0 sacks. Nose tackle Haloti Ngata is another player Brady must beware of.

But that staunch Ravens 'D' will have its hands full. If it isn't the tight ends, it's Wes Welker — the NFL leader in receptions this season — or Deion Branch on the outside.

"[The Ravens] have to pick and choose," Branch said. "I think with our offense, the things that we do: We do a lot of different things. The defense has to figure out what is their game plan, what are they planning on going in and focusing on."

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Easing the B's pain

Marchand's return from suspension tonight against New Jersey should solve some of team's recent issues Squad currently in mini-slump

GETTY IMAGES

▶ Brad Marchand returns to the Bruins tonight in New Jersey.

Brad Marchand is finally back tonight, and not a moment too soon for the fledgling Bruins.

Marchand, who served the final game of his five-game suspension Tuesday, will be in the lineup against the Devils tonight in New Jersey (7 p.m., NESN).

"It's always tough to watch the team play, it's very frustrating," Marchand said Wednesday. "I'm excited to get back, jump back in and hopefully help anyway I can … Go in and create energy like I try to do, continue to play my game and carry on where we left off."

Where the Bruins left off upon Marchand's early exit against the Canucks 12 days ago and where they stand tonight are very different places.

The Bruins had been 9-1 in their previous 10 games before Marchand's infamous clip of Sami Salo resulted in a game misconduct and the winning power-play goal for Vancouver.

It also led to the five-game suspension that ended Tuesday. The Bruins went 3-3 in those six games, their worst six-game stretch since October.

But don't count Bruins coach Claude Julien among those who believe the reintroduction tonight of Marchand and Rich Peverly — who missed the past two games due to a personal matter — will automatically awake the Bruins from their slumber.

"It's more an issue what we have on the ice then what we have off the ice," Julien said. "If anything, you like your guys to play through those situations, and normally we would. We're not playing the way we should. If everybody was and we were competing the way we could, those things wouldn't be an issue."

Julien has been rattling the Bruins' cage virtually every day since last Saturday's loss to Carolina, when the Bruins allowed three unanswered third-period goals in a 4-2 loss. He called out Nathan Horton specifically before Tuesday's game against Tampa Bay, and Horton responded with two goals. But the Bruins still dropped a 5-3 decision to a conference bottom-feeder.

Not what Julien wants to see with the East elite Rangers and Flyers coming up after tonight's game at New Jersey.

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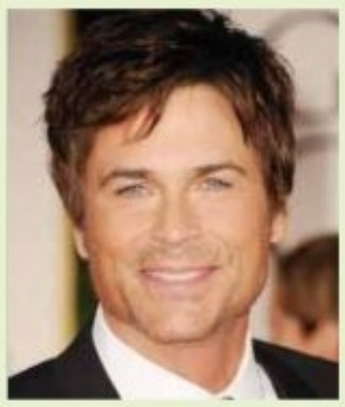

The Lowe-down on Peyton's future

Not sure why all things "St. Elmo's Fire" are suddenly synonymous with everything NFL.

Last week, recording artist John Parr released "Tim Tebow's Fire" and yesterday, the cheesy '80s film's star, Rob Lowe tweeted that "his people" were telling him that Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning was going to retire.

Lowe tweeted, "Hearing my fave, #18 Peyton Manning will not return to #NFL. Wow. #Colts"

Selig to deal with Theo compensation

Multiple reports said yesterday that the Red Sox and Cubs have both asked MLB commissioner Bud Selig to resolve the compensation issue surrounding Theo Epstein's departure to Chicago.

The Red Sox reportedly asked for Cubs top prospect Brett Jackson or starting pitcher Matt Garza in exchange for Epstein.

"I'm going to look like Dolph Lundgren."

Red Sox second baseman Dustin Pedroia vowed to be in great shape in an interview on WEEI Wednesday, adding, "I'm ready. I'm back." METRO

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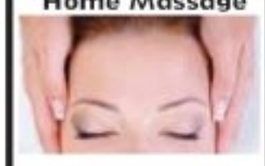

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